

OWNERS OF THE BOAT ANN.

[To accompany bill H. R. No. 821.]

FEBRUARY 28, 1843.

Mr. RANDALL, from the Committee on Commerce, made the following

REPORT :

*The Committee on Commerce, to whom was referred the petition of
Jonah Morse, ask leave to report :*

That the boat Ann, of Waldoborough, Maine, was engaged in the cod fishery in the year 1838, more than the four months required by law to entitle her to the bounty ; and the only reason why the bounty has been withheld is the fact that her license expired a short time previous to the expiration of said four months. No possible injury could arise from this inadvertence of the master, and the Comptroller as well as the collector consider the case proper for the interposition of the Legislature. It would be oppressive to the crew, if not to the owners, to punish them for the mistake of the skipper. The committee therefore submit a bill for their relief.

